
Jobs Agenda

Republicans in the Senate Will Not Be Satisfied Until Every American Who Wants a Job Can Find a Job and Are Working on Solutions

Senate Republicans are Working on Behalf of the American People to Create More Jobs and Put More Money in their Pockets

- Passed a Budget that protects America, promotes economic growth, cuts taxes and keeps the United States on track to cut the deficit in half by 2009.
- Passed Class Action Reform because we realize that when greedy personal injury lawyers push frivolous lawsuits, Americans lose jobs.
- Passed Bankruptcy Reform so that people who are responsible and pay their bills on time don't have to subsidize the irresponsible actions of a few.

Republican Pro-Job Policies are Working

- 274,000 new jobs in April means nearly 3.5 million new jobs have been created in two years.
- April was the 23rd straight month we've added jobs and more Americans are working now than ever before.
- The economy has grown 14 consecutive quarters.

Republicans are Focused on Solutions and Several Items from the 12-point Job Creation Agenda for the 109th Congress are Currently being Worked on

- A Highway Bill to make our roads safer, strengthen our infrastructure and create jobs.
- Asbestos Reform that will save American jobs and help injured workers. Targeting help to those workers injured by asbestos and protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits.
- Soon we will be working on a comprehensive Energy Bill to lessen our dependence on foreign sources of energy and strengthen America's economy.



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Highway Bill

A Safe, Effective Transportation System is the Foundation of a Growing Economy

Passing a Highway Bill will Make our Roads Safer and Better and Reduce Congestion

- Will allow us to replace aging bridges and guard-rails.
- Some of the oldest, and most dangerous, stretches of road in (state) will get an overhaul.
- Will help us fight traffic congestion, according to the Department of Transportation, a typical "Rush Hour" in an urbanized area is approximately 5.3 hours per day.

Passing a Highway Bill Will Keep our Infrastructure Strong

- More than two-thirds of our nation's freight moves on our highways; we need to keep our infrastructure strong.
- According to the Federal Highway Administration, it will cost nearly \$76 billion a year to maintain the nation's highways and bridges from 2001 to 2020, with that total split evenly between states and the federal government.
- A comprehensive reauthorization is necessary to eliminate the future funding uncertainty that has put many longer-term (and hence more expensive) projects on hold.

Passing a Highway Bill Will Create Jobs

- The Department of Transportation estimates that each \$1 billion in federal highway spending leads to 47,576 "person years" in employment benefits. This includes jobs in the highway construction sector, as well as jobs created in related industries such as stone, concrete, and fuel.
- The same \$1 billion investment yields \$500 million in new orders for the manufacturing sector and \$500 million spread throughout other sectors of the economy.
- If we fail to send a bill to the President by May 31st, states' federal funding uncertainty will potentially force states to delay putting these projects out for bid. According to the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), an estimated 90,000 jobs are at stake.